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I am writing to ask you to put a postive end to this horrible persecution that has been going on over the last few years of Microsoft and Bill Gates. I'm sure you do not consider it to be persecution, yet I'm sure that many man-hours of productive time and many thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars have been spent during this procedure which has seemed, too much of the time, like a witch hunt.

Microsoft is competitive...otherwise they would not have survived this long. Microsoft is innovative and creative in their improvement of technology, and this has made them the giant that they are today. They are open to new ideas, to creativeness from their employees, to listening to the needs of consumers. These qualities have allowed them to thrive. They have single-handedly done more for today's computer users than any other company, bar none. Other companies are jealous of their achievements and because they are jealous, they seek to force Microsoft to stop being so successful in hopes that they may be able to gain more customers. This is what has caused all this problem with the law-suits. A company can not give away their ideas, can not give away their technology and expect to survive. To expect Microsoft, or any other company to do that, is to ask them to commit suicide and is unreasonable.

We've heard a lot about America recently, because of the horrible tragedy in NYC in September. We're all proud to be Americans, and to have the freedoms that we do. On the other hand, one of the freedoms that we cherish here is the freedom to be what we can be, to develop our potential, to become successful without unreasonable restrictions holding us back. Why is it then, that Microsoft which is obviously very talented and very good at what they do, should be so threatened, so persecuted and so prevented from being a success? We have an open market. We have the freedom to buy Microsoft, Netscape, Symantecs, McAfee, or any other type of software that we feel will enable us to use our computers in the way we need to work. No one is forced to buy Microsoft products. I buy them because they are easy to use, and because they are compatible with other software and hardware. I want them to CONTINUE to be easy to use, and to be compatible with my software and hardware. I do not want the company split up, the software dis-assembled, or to have to go through a bunch of hoops to get it to work just because another company is jealous. Please...Please, allow Microsoft to get back to work without worrying about all this lawsuit stuff. America needs them, we have important work to do!

Thank you,
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